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Lighting may or may not strike twice in the same place but the frequency with which fire destroys the buildings and equipment of Kansas educational institutions is rather discouraging, to say the least. The Kansas School of Mines at Weir is the latest such victim. And it would seem to be no more than a wise state policy for Kansas to insure the buildings and equipment, or at least the latter, of her educational establishments.

No return engagement is more acceptable, and especially to the "old folk," than that played by warm or warmer weather in the late fall or winter time.

Kansas is "coming back" this year and in a large way as a stock feeding state. And there isn't any good reason why Kansas should not continue permanently in this remunerative game. Of course, it would be far more profitable for Kansas and her farmers did the latter go more generally into stock raising and feeding game exclusively on their own hook. Not only is stock-raising profitable in itself, but no agricultural activity helps farm land so much to meet the demands made by growing crops.

For an eight-year-old, the state of Oklahoma is a particularly husky infant, and gives every indication of waxing even more vigorous in her years to come.

Neither do the Russians appear to be anywhere near licked if the reports from Petrograd to the effect that they have captured 50,000 prisoners and 139 guns during the past month are correct.

Present indications are that the rival armies in the western arena of the war have settled down for a winter season that will be about as peaceful as were their activities during the bulk of the summer.

Evidently the Entente Allies must need the support of Greece pretty badly if they are considering the advisability of going so far as to attempt to depose King Constantine to obtain it.

Justice Hughes, of the United States supreme court, seems determined not to have the next Republican presidential nomination forced on him. He has taken steps to stop the circulation of petitions in Nebraska to place his name on the primary ballot there as one of the Republican presidential candidates.

And the helpful hen has ceased to be so for the time being from the egg-consumers standpoint, at least. Even here in Kansas the price of fresh eggs has begun to approach the 40 cents-a-dozen mark.

As Senator Jim Ham Lewis of Illinois suggests, the failure of President Wilson to point out the way to raise the necessary funds for the larger army and navy he now deems so necessary is one of the essentially weak spots of the plan. But providing sufficient revenue and funds for even the ordinary varieties of governmental endeavor has ever been a weakness with Democratic statesmen unless they resort to a bond issue.

Kansas lost out in getting a place on the map of the Jefferson Highway that is being projected from New Orleans to Winnipeg. But maybe Kansas didn't lose so much, after all. This highway is merely in its "paper" stage and the chances are it won't emerge from this condition for a long time to come, if it ever does.

## BEYOND THE HORIZON.

No one ever completely outgrows the tendency of the little child to think that the real world is the place where he lives and that all the rest, beyond the distant sky line, is only a sort of fairy tale, says Collier's. How strong this feeling is may be illustrated by the words of an American who happened to be living in Mexico: "Do you ever have a feeling of skepticism to the continued existence of places you are no longer in? I can shut my eyes and see Boston and New York and Paris, for instance, as they are in

their characteristic ways at almost any hour of the day or night. I know just how the people in certain quarters are conducting themselves, where they are going next, and what they will say and do when they arrive. But I don't altogether believe in it. It doesn't seem possible somehow that they are going on and on when I am not there, to see." All of us have felt something like the same sensation. A horizon line is something no living being can ever cross—in the flesh. It is always there, encircling him. But one may escape it in spirit. And that is why we aren't all of us provincials of town or country.

## TO ARM IS TO ERR.

A most significant opinion on the question of an enormous military preparedness for "defense" comes from Lord Rosebery in his expressions of regret over the new policy that President Wilson has happened to adopt in the United States in this particular. Lord Rosebery is prominent among the thinking statesmen of Great Britain. And the English statesmen as well as their brethren in the several nations on the continent of Europe, have certainly had a sorry experience with this arming for "defense" theory, and the words of almost any of them in the premises should have weight. Each of the nations now engaged in the terrible war developed their military or naval forces, or both, for purely "defensive" purposes, to "protect themselves and their rights." At least, this was their publicly avowed purpose. This was the argument that their rulers and political leaders used to obtain the support of their peoples for the creation of a major military and naval establishments. The consensus of the best opinion today in Europe and elsewhere is that these military and naval forces that were designed for "defense" and "protection" bred the terrible war that is now raging. And mark you, the war that Kaiser Wilhelm is waging, or the fighting that his forces are doing is styled in Germany as a "defensive" warfare. In order to properly defend the German empire, the German armies have found it necessary to invade and lay waste to Belgium, to invade France, to invade Poland and Russia and now to invade Serbia, and if they can keep going long enough they will be invading Egypt, and all this as measures of defense for the empires of the Teutons. And this is the extent that military preparedness for "defense" leads to. The same story may be repeated by these United States. Let us undertake a larger military or naval program than is actually demanded for the adequate protection of our own land, and the forces, selfish and otherwise, behind it, will make it grow and grow until our force becomes of such proportions and strength that we will be more willing to fight for what we deem to be our rights rather than to argue or arbitrate for them. Lord Rosebery is emphatic in his opinion that to arm is to err, and especially so for the United States, so far removed as this country is from Europe and her war-making problems. He calls attention to the further important fact that the extent that the United States increases the size of its navy beyond the real defensive needs of the nation, the bigger the burdens of the same sort it will place on the European nations, because they will feel the necessity of increasing their naval establishments in like proportions. In other words, if we enter in any way the realm of militarism, all the other nations of the world will feel compelled to match our moves, and give us one or two better in order that their military and naval establishments can show a greater strength than ours; and only for their "defense" of course. And the world will become the armed camp, bristling with warships and guns, that Europe has been for so long and now is. Instead of playing our part to promote a world peace, we will be encouraging a world war.

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these parasites which occasionally give rise in human beings to the serious disease known as trichinosis. Hitherto the only known safeguard against this disease has been thorough cooking of all pork and pork products, and those persons who neglect this precaution have always been more or less exposed to the danger. Unless pork is known to have been subjected to refrigeration as above indicated it should be thoroughly cooked. The microscopic examination of pork for the detection of trichinae has been abandoned as the usual methods have proved inefficient. In this connection it is interesting to note that more swine were slaughtered in the past year in establishments under federal inspection than ever before. A total of 36,247,958 were inspected at the time of slaughter and approximately 35,900,000 passed for food.

## Journal Entries

The larger the family, the oftener is its peace disturbed.

When a man is interested in his work, he stands a better chance of succeeding.

Too many people are not even content to repeat a story. They must make additions to it.

Not a few men have an idea that they can get the best of an argument if they make the most noise.

Almost everybody has a well-founded idea that his portion of life consists of considerable of the worst of it.

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## On the Spur of the Moment

BY ROY K. MOLLTON.

Well, What May We Eat.

The claims we eat in chowder.

Make the angels chant the louder.

Eating huckleberry pie

Is a pleasant way to die.

When you eat banana fritters,

Every undertaker titters.

Now, for breakfast, prunes are dandy,

If a stomach pump is handy.

Eat a plate of fine pig's knuckles

And the headache-cutter chuckles.

While the grave-digger makes a note

Upon his cuff.

Eat that lovely red bologna,

And you'll wear a good kimona.

As your relatives start scrapping 'bout

Your stuff.

Eating juicy sliced pineapple

Makes the sexton dust the chapel.

And fried liver's nice, but, mind you,

Friends will soon ride solo behind you.

## Historic Assurances.

I'll give this back to you on pay day.

We will give \$100 to any one who

Can prove that a thorough trial of

Our new razor is a relief.

Yes, ma'am, if it doesn't fit we'll

Exchange it.

I won't whisper it to a soul.

No, I won't whisper it to a soul.

I'm detained at the office. I'll be

Home by 10, sure.

(By the weather man): Tomorrow,

skies to be fair; soft, warm zephyrs to

blow.

You children behave when the min-

ister calls and tomorrow mother

will be here.

Hi! My darling, someone ap-

proaches! Please and save yourself!

I'll be home by 10, sure.

Yes, sir you won't regret buying this

\$1 watch. It will run a year without

need of having it repaired.

## Shortest Short Stories.

Chapter I—Beau.

Chapter II—Dough.

Chapter III—Show.

—Zanesville (Ohio) Signal.

Chapter I—D. T's.

Chapter II—M. D.'s.

Chapter III—D. S.

—Boston Advertiser.

## An Ad.

WANTED—The person who hit my

cow on the state highway with

his auto about seven miles out from

Vicksburg to write me, as the cow is

badly injured. Miss Josephine Keller,

R. F. D. No. 2, Bovina, Miss.—Vicks-

burg Herald.

More Watchful Waiting.

## We're Waiting to Know.

Maybe some of those sweet girl

graduates will tell in their essays how

to stop that measly fight over in

Europe.

## Evening Chat

BY RUTH CAMERON.

## What Are Necessities?

What queer things financial stand-

ards and the standards by which we

determine luxuries and necessities are!

We were reading in the newspaper

the other day a letter from a woman

who was platform through the storm.

Then they stopped suddenly, agas-

The track was empty and the train

gone! It had slipped away, its noise

drowned by the screaming wind. "He

excited, "I must! I've got to! Oh,

what shall I do?"

The young man looked at her grave-

ly. "I've got to get there tonight, too!"

A HUNTER.  
Diana-like the maiden's mien;  
Expert she was with gun and cartridge;  
She wore a hunter's garb of green.  
And sought with me the quail and  
partridge.  
We ranged the tangled woodland side  
That creatures of the wild inhabit;  
To us a plovers was her prey,  
Nor did she scorn to be a rabbit!Mile upon mile of moor and close  
We tramped, and she—she never wilted;  
And I admired her pose and nose  
She was so stately and so swift.  
We lunched together on a log,  
And talked of game both big and little;  
Of love and sentimental for  
I deemed the did not care a tittle!And all went well until a day  
When I sat solemn and dejected;  
Then he forced me to the counter.  
That I (poor fool) had not suspected.  
Sudden she laid aside her gun  
And caught up Cupid's bow and arrow  
And shot a shaft—"was only one—"  
But that, it pierced me to the marrow!

## The Evening Story

Romance at Blueville.

(By Louise Oliver.)

Marian and the stranger entered the

little station at Blueville together.

Blueville was not scheduled as a stop,

but the engine needed water. In fact,

the water tank and station just about

constituted the village.

Marian would never have thought of

braving the stinging February wind

had not hunger driven her out. In

her hurry to make the noon train

upon receipt of a telegram, she had

forgotten to take the train. The engine

proved to be devoid of even a tray of

fruit. It was now 8 o'clock, and

Brighton, her destination, was two

hours away. Assured that it would

take ten minutes to supply the en-

gine with water and that sometimes

the station agent supplied the travel-

ers with a "snack" of something to

eat, Marian ventured forth.

The little waiting room, with its egg

stove aglow, was gratefully warm. But

the cloth-covered counter was

guiltless of food and the ticket office

minus an occupant.

Marian waited for someone to come,

meanwhile watching the clock anx-

iously. Precious minutes were passing

and still no one came to serve her.

Her usually vivacious face showed

fatigue, her mouth drooped and every

inch of her looked forlorn.

She was turning toward the door

when the stranger lifted his hat. "I

beg your pardon, but as the agent

doesn't seem to be around just now,

perhaps you will permit me to bring

up a lunch for you. He may have

something hidden under the counter."

Marian brightened instantly. "That's

very kind, I'm sure. I am dreadfully

hungry and the train leaves in five

minutes, so if you don't mind foraging

I shall be very grateful."

The stranger, who came from behind

the counter a minute later, that there

isn't much here." Marian watched

the top of his hat bob up and down,

and finally came up to stay. The man

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